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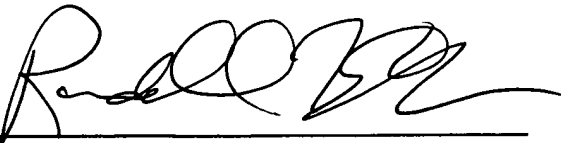
This amendment is in response to the Office Action of September 27, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 5-23, and rejected claims 1-4, 24 and 25.

As an initial remark, claims 22-23 depended from rejected claim 1, so that Applicant assumes that the Examiner meant to indicate its conditional allowance if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 22 has been so rewritten in independent form and claim 23 depends on claim 22. Claims 22 and 23 should now be allowable.

Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 1-4, 24 and 25 without prejudice.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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